had failed to include in his income-tax report. Moreover, the casino was able to show the same amount as a business loss, thereby lowering its reported income.

Eventually, however, Tax men caught up with Pinelli. On June 17, 1960, he was fined $1,470 and placed on two years' probation for failing to file a California State tax return on earnings from 1957 to 1958.

Pinelli's home has often been used to entertain rackets figures. And when, in the past, Tony Accardo of Chicago went to Las Vegas via Los Angeles, it was Pinelli who met him at the Los Angeles airport. One of Pinelli's special pals is Gabriel Mannarino of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. A labor racketeer and gambler who was at the Apalachin meeting, Mannarino owns slot-machine, vending-machine, and jukebox privileges in New Kensington and was formerly part-owner of the casino at the Sans Souci Hotel in Havana.

In July, 1966, the government began making efforts to deport Pinelli by arresting him at his home on grounds of "moral turpitude." The charge was based on a record of two convictions in connection with defrauding the government of alcohol taxes (bootlegging) and of two income-tax convictions. He pleaded guilty to evading $4,315 in federal income taxes for the year 1959 and was fined $2,000 and put on probation for two years. Pinelli won a delay in the deportation case, however, by filing with the Immigration Service an application for permanent residence and was released on $10,000 bail.

John Roselli, sixty-three-year-old Italian-born Mafioso, is "right-hand bower" of the fast-rising Louis Tom Dragna. In fact, he might have been top man in California but for a threatened deportation —which may yet come off—and a recent court case involving him in a card-cheating ring at the "members only" Friar's Club in Beverly Hills, where he was sponsored for membership in 1963 by Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Roselli arrived in the United States under his real name, Filippo Sacco, with his mother on September 16, 1911. They were to join his father, who was then living in East Boston. In 1921 Filippo Sacco was arrested by federal narcotics agents in Boston. Released on bail, he left town, and it was probably at that time that he changed his name to John Roselli.

Through his early associations with the Longy Zwillman mob

Roselli took the Fifth Amendment in declining to answer the questions put to him by U.S. District Judge Warren Ferguson in Los Angeles. Mrs. Barbara Crosby, wife of singer Gary Crosby, was more talkative, however. She told the grand jury investigating Roselli's citizenship status that she knew of him as "a nice man. He has been like a father to me."

"Dear Oh! Dad" Roselli took a trip to Washington, D.C. in November, 1967, and upon his return was quoted as saying that the purpose of his visit was to make contact with certain influential persons who could help him win his case with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. He did not identify anyone by name but made the statement that he had many friends in Washington, "including two ex-FBI agents who are now practicing attorneys, an inspector of police who accompanied him to the airport on his return trip and several senators, one of whom he described as an elderly statesman with a great deal of experience." Roselli reportedly said he had been told by his friends not to worry, that everything would be taken care of.

Nevertheless, Roselli lost out to the government in his attempt to prove he was born in Chicago and, as a result, may face deportation plus a fine of $2,000 and eleven months in prison. Oddly enough, if he had admitted to being an unregistered alien and then registered within thirty days after his indictment, the government probably would not have had a case, according to an Immigration Service spokesman. But if he was so advised by his attorney, James Cantillon, Roselli apparently paid no heed, trusting his luck to his eastern contingent.

The Friar's Club incident arose out of a summer, 1967, Los Angeles federal grand jury probe into charges that electronic devices were being used by a ring of conspirators to cheat wealthy club members who had a penchant for gin rummy and used the exclusive show-business hangout for their card playing.

The roster of disgruntled losers who testified about their mysterious losses and their suspicions of peepholes in the ceiling included the following: Harry Karl, millionaire shoeman and husband of actress Debbie Reynolds; singer Tony Martin; television's famed Sergeant Bilko, Phil Silvers; Zeppo Marx of the Marx Brothers; Ted Briskin, former camera manufacturer and onetime husband of Betty Hutton; Richard Carenson, real estate investment banker; and Hollywood actors' agent, Kurt Frings.

There were obviously no problems of poverty among the play-

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